by sale. If that is possible that policy should be adopted. Of course, the Government must decide for themselves.

Mr. President : The Government will get a large profit.

Demand put and carried

20. Rs. 13,441 under "11—Forests and Tramway—2. Tramway"

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 13,441 under "11-Forests and Tramway—2—Tramway".

Demand put and carried

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Supplementary demand of Rs. 100 under "28—A—Civil Engineering"

Mr. President : I request the indulgence of the House to permit me to make a few remarks.

The question of providing a western outlet through Cochin for the rich Anamalais planting district and at the same time open up forest areas in this State suitable for plantation or cultivation has engaged the attention of Government for some time. The question was taken up for investigation so far back as 1916 by Diwan Sir Joseph Bhore. This was before the days of the extensive use of motor transport and the proposal then was to extend the tramway. This scheme and other connected schemes were very costly and were dropped. With the opening of Cochin Harbour, the desirability of establishing direct communication with the Anamalais became obvious and the question was taken up again at the instance of the Harbour Engineer-in-Chief. With the development of Motor transport, a road was preferable to tramway extension, as it was cheaper, opened up more fresh country and provided a more rapid and complete means of transport. A survey was carried out and an estimate prepared for a road connecting Chalakkudi with the Anamalai Road system in Malakiparai Estate. My predecessor entered into negotiations with the planters but as they were unable to bind their respective companies to give the guarantee demanded, the negotiations, fell through.

A further examination of the scheme at the request of the planters after I took charge showed that the State stood to gain so substantially from the construction of the road, that it was decided to reopen negotiations. On this occasion, negotiations were carried

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